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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a creativity and innovation task force.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION TASK FORCE.
1 2 1. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.
1 3 a. A creativity and innovation task force is established.
1 4 The task force shall be initially convened by July 1, 2009,
1 5 with staffing and administrative support provided by the
1 6 legislative services agency.
1 7 b. The task force shall be convened for the following
1 8 purposes:
1 9 (1) To foster the creation of new businesses in the state
1 10 and to increase the creation of jobs.
1 11 (2) To encourage and reward creativity, invention, and
1 12 innovation by Iowa residents.
1 13 2. MEMBERSHIP.
1 14 a. The task force shall consist of the following members:
1 15 (1) One member selected by the Iowa small business
1 16 development center.
1 17 (2) One member selected by the Iowa association of
1 18 community college trustees.
1 19 (3) One member selected by the John Pappajohn
1 20 entrepreneurial center at the university of Iowa.
1 21 (4) Two members selected by the Iowa bankers association
1 22 representing community bankers.
1 23 (5) Two members selected by the national federation of
1 24 independent business.
1 25 (6) Two members selected by the Iowa association of
1 26 business and industry.
1 27 (7) Two members selected by the professional developers of
1 28 Iowa.
1 29 b. The members shall be appointed in compliance with the
1 30 requirements of sections 69.16, 69.16A, and 69.19, and shall
1 31 serve for the duration of the task force.
1 32 c. The members of the task force are entitled to receive
1 33 reimbursement for actual expenses incurred while engaged in
1 34 the performance of official duties.
1 35 d. The task force shall elect a chairperson and the
2 1 recommendations of the task force shall be approved by a
2 2 majority of the members. A majority of the task force
2 3 constitutes a quorum and an affirmative vote of the majority
2 4 of members is necessary to approve the recommendations of the
2 5 task force. A vacancy in the membership does not impair the
2 6 right of a quorum to exercise all rights and perform all
2 7 duties of the task force.
2 8 3. DUTIES. The task force shall do all of the following:
2 9 a. Research and evaluate methods of encouraging and
2 10 rewarding innovation and entrepreneurship.
2 11 b. Create a forum and a process for listening to and
2 12 addressing the concerns of inventors and entrepreneurs.
2 13 c. Develop ideas for identifying innovations that have the
2 14 potential to become successful new businesses in the state.
2 15 d. Recommend a process for helping inventors and
2 16 innovators commercialize inventions and innovations.
2 17 e. Identify the barriers to business creation and
2 18 expansion and the hurdles inhibiting the commercialization of
2 19 research.

2 20 4. REPORT. The task force shall submit a written report
2 21 containing its findings and recommendations to the governor
2 22 and the general assembly by January 1, 2010. The report shall
2 23 include a plan for facilitating the development of programs
2 24 that enhance the commercialization of research.
2 25 5. DISSOLUTION. The task force shall complete its duties
2 26 no later than January 1, 2010, but may complete its duties and
2 27 dissolve itself prior to that date.

2 28 EXPLANATION

2 29 This bill establishes a creativity and innovation task
2 30 force. The task force must be convened by July 1, 2009.

2 31 The task force is to be convened for the following
2 32 purposes: (1) to foster the creation of new businesses in the
2 33 state and to increase the creation of jobs; and (2) to
2 34 encourage and reward creativity, invention, and innovation by
2 35 Iowa residents.

3 1 The task force consists of one member selected by the Iowa
3 2 small business development center, one member selected by the
3 3 Iowa association of community college trustees, one member
3 4 selected by the John Pappajohn entrepreneurial center, two
3 5 members selected by the Iowa bankers association representing
3 6 community bankers, two members selected by the national
3 7 federation of independent business, two members selected by
3 8 the Iowa association of business and industry, and two members
3 9 selected by the professional developers of Iowa.

3 10 The task force has certain duties related to new ideas and
3 11 methods for fostering job creation and encouraging creativity,
3 12 and must file a report with the general assembly and the
3 13 governor by January 1, 2010, when the task force is dissolved.

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